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VICTORIA REGATTA.

TUESDAY, 20th, & WEDNESDAY, 21st December.

CAPTAIN BORLAND, having kindly lent the Victoria Recreation Club the ship Kensington as Flagship, the Committee request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the courtesy of the Chief Manager of the Dock Company, the Fume will convey passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving the NEW PADDOCK WHARF at 12.30 p.m., and returning 10 minutes after the last Race.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented on board the Flagship by Miss Blake on TUESDAY.

Admission to the Flagship, \$1 each day. A Portion of the Flagship will be reserved for Ladies and their Friends.

TICKETS of Admission may be obtained from the STEWART, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, or on Board.

By kind permission of Major RATTALICK and the Officers, the BAND of the Hongkong Regiment will play on TUESDAY.

W. B. BAILEY,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
Hongkong, December 16, 1898. 2402

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 33 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 9, 1898. 2346

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Final INSTALLMENT of \$30 per SHARE on the Shares in above Company becomes Due on the THIRTY-FIRST day of December next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made to the Bankers of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, November 30, 1898. 2286

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR. Accounts kept and adjusted. Balance Sheets drawn up, and all Accountant's work undertaken.

WM. H. GASKELL.
Letters should be addressed care of Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, November 15, 1898. 2178

NOTICE.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of Hongkong and South China will meet at the MARQUESS HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. Visitors, and Master Masons of all Lodges are cordially invited to attend.

A. O'D. O'GORDIN,
D. B. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 17, 1898. 2412

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

A. JUSTER.
Canton, December 16, 1898. 2396

PERSEVERANCE LODGE.

MASTER MASON of this LODGE are requested to attend an EMERGENCY MEETING of District Grand Lodge, on WEDNESDAY, 21st instant, at 8 p.m. for 8.30 p.m.

By Command of W. M.
Hongkong, December 17, 1898. 2411

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LONDON, &c.	Commander F. N. TILLARD.	Commander F. N. TILLARD.	About 24th December.
SHANGHAI, NANKING, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	S. DE B. LOCKYER.	S. DE B. LOCKYER.	About 24th December.
SHANGHAI, NANKING, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	E. STREET.	E. STREET.	About 24th December.
LONDON, &c.	Commander T. WICKEN.	Commander T. WICKEN.	About 29th December.

* See Special Advertisement.

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THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at Noon, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 20th and 21st instant respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary,
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W. H. PEROTIAD,
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Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.
G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, December 14, 1898. 2341

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the Special Resolution passed and confirmed on the 6th and 26th days of June, 1897, the Undermentioned General Managers did, on the 30th day of November, 1898, make a FINAL CALL of \$5.00 per SHARE on account of the Price of the NEW SHARES issued in Pursuance of such Resolution and a FINAL CALL of \$5.00 on account of the Premium for each such SHARE, and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, on the 1st January, 1899.

Upon Payment of such Calls and Production of the Certificates for the Shares in respect of which the same are paid, fully paid up Certificates will be issued in exchange for provisional receipts.

Dated the 1st December, 1898.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour. An additional car will run at 2.40 p.m. until further notice.

SATURDAY.
Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m. SUNDAYS.
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Those who wish Mr. Winter to visit them will please send their address, and he will call on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS between 2 and 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, December 12, 1898. 2393

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